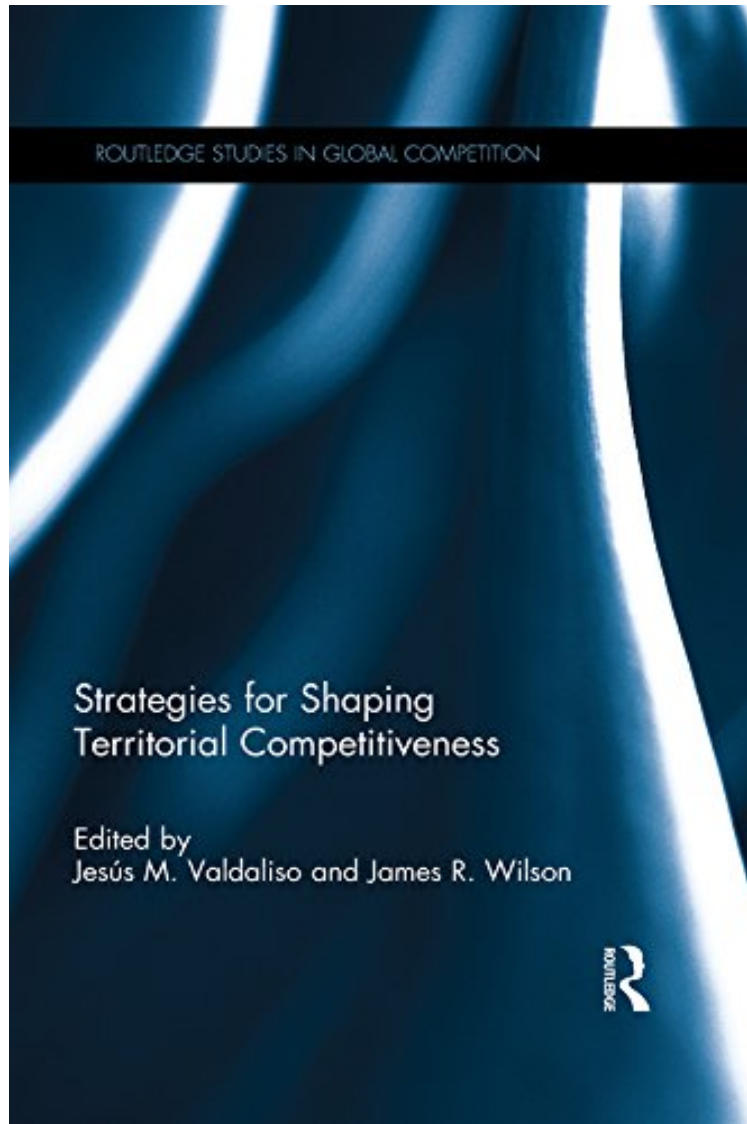


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This book focuses on the main challenges that cities, regions and other territories at sub-national level face when it

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Developing a strategy for territorial competitiveness is one of the critical issues facing policy makers and academics today. In *Strategies for Shaping Territorial Competitiveness* Valdaliso and Wilson have gathered an impressive array of scholars to produce a book that give us both theoretical and practical understanding of the key issues involved. I highly recommend that anyone who is interested in making "spaces" work should read this book. Dan Breznitz, Professor of Global Affairs and Political Science, University of Toronto, Canada

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